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Classified By: Ambassador Charles P. Ries. Reasons 1.4(b/d).

(S) Ambassador delivered reftel demarche to Foreign Minister Bakoyannis April 18. On April 19, IO Director Frangiskos Verros told PolCouns that Greece, through its Ambassador in New York, would be relaying Greek support for a U.S.-French draft of a Chapter VII UNSCR on Iran. Greece was ready to vote in favor of a Chapter VII resolution, if events warranted. On sanctions, Verros said that Greece had so far focused on multilateral discussions ongoing in the EU. Greece agreed, he said, that sanctions -- should they become necessary -- should be as wideranging as possible. Verros reiterated that Greece continued to support all diplomatic means to resolve the standoff with Iran, and called preparations in the UNSC "a necessary part" of the diplomatic strategy.  
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